

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 403 – SB 570**

March 29, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Reduces, from 30 to 15 days, the amount of time a TennCare enrollee or applicant has for mailing documentation of any material change affecting any information provided to the Bureau of TennCare on or with the individual's application.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004777):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to convene a working group to examine the problem with opioid abuse, with a primary focus on persons enrolled in TennCare, and the potential impact of the use of FDA-approved abuse-deterrent opioids. The working group will include representatives of TennCare, the Departments of Safety and Health, the healthcare insurance industry, manufacturers of abuse-deterrent opioids, law enforcement, the Tennessee Medical Association, and other persons whom the commissioner may deem appropriate. Any costs associated with participation in the working group will be borne by the individual participants or their respective associations or companies and not by the state of Tennessee, except those who are employed by the state. The working group is to submit a report regarding its findings and recommendation to the Governor, the Insurance and Banking Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Commerce and Labor Committee of the Senate by January 1, 2016, at which time the group shall cease to exist.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DMHSAS, any costs incurred for convening the working group and providing administrative assistance to the group will not result in a significant increase in the workload of department staff and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- It is assumed the working group will hold any meetings in Nashville; therefore, state employee participation costs will be minimal.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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